

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS TO COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, two Town wide public surveys, conducted within the last 3 years, identify pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety as a critical need; AND

**WHEREAS**, there has been an average of 11 pedestrian/vehicle collisions resulting in a tragic loss of life and injuries in Nags Head over the past five years and this is an accident rate the Town hopes to lower; AND

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Land Use Plan states that the "Town will review and update the Nags Head Pedestrian Transportation System Plan adopted on November 6, 1996," as a "high priority" objective; AND

**WHEREAS**, the Town's efforts to improve pedestrian safety over the past five years include extending the US 158 multi-use path, remarking crosswalks throughout the Town to improve their visibility, and lobbying the NCDOT for engineering improvements at intersections to enhance safety for pedestrians; AND

**WHEREAS**, The Draft 2011 Parks and Recreation Plan recommends the Town "continue to phase-in completion of the US Highway 158 multi-use trail, maintain the Beach Road trail, and the develop a cohesive and comprehensive pedestrian plan which promotes connectivity and safety in conjunction with NCDOT"; AND

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has opened the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Initiative, a matching grant program that encourages municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners authorizes staff to submit a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative in the amount of \$24,000 and agrees to match the grant with \$6,000 in local funds to complete a comprehensive pedestrian plan at a cost of \$30,000 to improve connectivity, safety and parks and recreation and health benefits for our community.

Upon motion of <u>Comr. Remaley</u>, seconded by <u>Comr. Sadler</u>, said resolution was unanimously passed.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day

Robert O. Oakes, Jr, Mayor

I, Carolyn F. Morris, Town Gers of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of Nags Head, at a meeting held on November 2, 2011 as related to the project between the Town of Nags Head and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, relative to the planning project for the Town of Nags Head.

Witness my hand and the corporate seal of said Town of Nags Head, this the 2nd day of November, 2011.

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Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk